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SUBJ: JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS

1. ALTHOUGH PROFESSOR MAZAR'S EXCAVATIONS NEAR THE
TEMPLE MOUNT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, OTHER EXCAVATIONS
ARE IN PROGRESS OR ARE PLANNED.

2. ON MARCH 20, ARCHEOLOGIST MAGEN BROSHI
LECTURED IN JERUSALEM ON HIS EXCAVATIONS ON MOUNT
ZION. HE DESCRIBED EXTENSIVE EXCAVATIONS IN THE
ARMENIAN GARDEN WITHIN THE OLD CITY WALLS WHICH
HAD UNCOVERED FORMER SITE OF HEROD'S PALACE. HE ALSO
DISCOVERED BYZANTINE STREET WHICH CONTINUES NORTHWARD
UNDER PRESENT CHRISTIAN QUARTER ROAD.

3. BROSHI ALSO DESCRIBED HIS EXCAVATIONS ALONG
OUTER BASE OF CITY WALL SOUTH OF THE CITADEL
WHICH HAD REVEALED LONG SECTIONS OF HASMONEAN
AND HERODIAN WALLS UNDER EXISTING TURKISH WALL.

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4. BROSHI ALSO MENTIONED PLAN TO TUNNEL UNDER
CTIY WALL FROM THE SOUTH TO SITE WITHIN JEWISH QUARTER WHERE
AN UNDERGROUND GARAGE WILL BE BUILD FOR RESIDENTS OF THE REBUILT
JEWISH QUARTER.

5. COMMENT: AS REPORTED EARLIER, IT IS

GENERALLY ANTICIPATED THAT MAZAR WILL BE ENCOURAGED
TO WRITE UP HIS EXCAVATIONS AND THAT EXCAVATION
OF THE OPHEL (CITY OF DAVID), SOUTH OF THE TEMPLE
MOUNT, WILL BE ENTRUSTED TO A NEW TEAM.
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